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TOPIC KVP in Loebau

EVALUATION 25X1X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 15 February to 3 April 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The KVPD in Loebau which, from 15 February to 20 March 1953, still had a strength of about 2,000 men and, from 22 March to 3 April, received new recruits numbered about 4,000 men on 3 April. The troops regularly received basic infantry training and small units received engineer and signal training, and, carrying full pack and small arms, they frequently performed marches at night. A Wachtmeister of the units stated that the unit except for a detail of about 250 men would be transferred to an undetermined place and for an unknown purpose on 5 and 6 April.¹

2. From 15 to 28 February, the KVPD in Loebau received five T-34 tanks which came by rail.²

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1. Comment. It is doubted that the strength of the KVPD in Loebau should have been doubled by the arrival of recruits within a period as short as 13 days. Since all KVP units had completed their winter training in late March, it is possible that the KVPD in Loebau is to be transferred to a troop training grounds in April for summer training.

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2. Comment. It is possible that, but not determined whether, the tanks came from the U.S.S.R. or KVP stocks.

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